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NOTE CONCERNING 1969. Last year, the Cubans called 1969 el año del guerrillero heroico, the year of the heroic guerrilla. This year at the anniversary celebration in the Plaza de la Revolucion, Fidel Castro announced that 1969 would be el año del esfuerzo decisivo, the year of the decisive effort. For its first issue of the year, the San Francisco Express Times had this to say: "69: 'Pleased to meet you. Hope you Guess my Name.' Year of the Orgy. Year of Armed Education. Year of the Cock. Year of Painful Enlightenment. Year of the Warm Gun. Year of the Swiss Franc. Year of Quiet Pleasures. Year of Lunar Defilement." Someone on the staff here said we should call it the Year of Fellatio Cunnilingus, though people with other preferences might call it The Year of Fellatio Fellatio, or The Year of Cunnilingus Cunnilingus.

So, what should we call 1969? Suggestions welcome. Write to LNS with yours.

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[Note to editors: The following four items are concerned with the problems of draft resisters, deserters and exiles. The opening item is a revealing and newsworthy report from Canada about the de facto opening of Canada to deserters. Many GIs believe that it is not possible to escape punishment for desertion in Canada, but reliable movement sources there maintain that Canada is a real haven for not only draft resisters but also for deserters--and has been for many months. This item is followed by a political declaration from the deserters' and resisters' community in Montreal, an article from Paris, and an open letter from U.S. deserters in France.]

DESERTION AND CANADA

by The Rebel

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Among the approximately 10,000 draft age Americans now in Canada there is a growing number of U.S. Military Deserters. Members of the U.S. Armed Forces who are AWOL, Unauthorized Absence, etc., have been allowed to enter Canada and stay, practically without question almost the whole length of the Vietnam war.

For over a year it has been clear that a person's military status in the United States has absolutely no bearing on whether that person can qualify for status of Landed Immigrant in Canada.

Until mid-1967, the possibility of a deserter gaining Landed Immigrant Status (i.e. a permanent resident with the right to work in Canada as opposed to a tourist or visitor)seemed almost out of the question. At that time, some of the anti-draft programmes in Canada and a few attorneys here began to advise U.S. servicemen who were up here to apply for that status. The decision was made that since there were no specific international treaties binding Canada to return these servicemen, they could be encouraged to apply as immigrants and expect to be treated as any other foreign national in this regard. In the broadest sense that opinion has proved to be a correct one.

However, to understand the present situation, it is necessary to review the last two years' history with regard to deserters gaining legal status in Canada.

In July of 1967, the first [illegible] to appear. There were a few deserters [illegible] who had applied for Landed Immigrant Status [illegible] they were not allowed [illegible] status and [illegible] ing papers. [illegible] the Canadian government knew they were here and that the problem would come up again. The few cases that were made public were [illegible] because these particular deserters intended to do everything possible to gain their status--consequently they made it evident they were going to remain in Canada and were applying for status. By November 1967, it was clear that the few deserters were to be allowed to remain and work in Canada.

From this time until Spring 1968 the majority of deserters who applied for Landed Immigrant Status did not state specifically on their applications that they had left their military service [illegible]. There is absolutely no such question on the application form and no basis for discrimination in the law either. Almost everyone, however, made one or another kind of reference to his military service, either by listing his base among his addresses during the past ten years or by referring to his military work in the section regarding his employment record. Here it is useful to quote the advice given by the Montreal Council to Military Resisters in their information sheet published in March 1968, "It is the present policy of the Immigration Department that a person who is known to have been already sworn in as a member of the armed forces and does nevertheless [illegible] landed immigration status without falsification on his application would not be subject to deportation."--From Montreal Council's newsletter on Immigration, March 1968

Although during this time a handful of deserters had received their working papers, it was not until the summer of 1968 that some deserters were granted their permanent status as Landed Immigrants. Every American immigrant must wait for a [illegible] RCMP investigation of his application before he receives his final status--in this [illegible] different from

every new immigrant to Canada, American or otherwise. However, the deserters seemed to present a particular problem to Immigration officials and to the Canadian government as well.

From other information we know that the Department of Immigration had to pay very special attention to the question of whether to accept deserters or not. While there were no special bars in the Immigration Act prohibiting persons with unfulfilled military service from immigrating, the whole subject had never been presented in such large numbers before. The Extradition Treaty between the United States and Canada absolutely makes no mention or reference anywhere in the text to the problem of military deserters. There are two agreements known to the writer and the anti-draft programmes in Canada which frame the main legal tradition with regard to military deserters. The first is that of the Commonwealth Countries which commits its members to refuse protective status to those who flee from a member's armed forces. The second, and most important for our interests, is the agreement adopted by the NATO countries, of which Canada is a member. Although there may be other, more extensive agreements, the one most commonly known and the one which is most pertinent is the Visiting Forces Act. Generally, the Visiting Forces Act binds a member country to refuse asylum and return any member of a NATO force on unauthorized leave. This Act seemed at one time to make it impossible to hope that U.S. Military Deserters could remain in Canada, let alone gain Landed Immigrant Status since, along with being a NATO country, Canada even had U.S. Forces on its soil, a fact not widely known and seldom bragged about. These were in at least three places: 1. in the NORAD-Canada Headquarters, 2, at a base in the Northwest territories, and at a USAF Base in Labrador.

A decision by the French Government in 1967 to allow a U.S. Army AWOL soldier, Robert Armfield, to remain in France with widespread publicity seemed to set the precedent. Here was the example needed. Since France had refused to allow U.S. troops, part of the NATO Force, to retain their base in France, while still remaining in the North Atlantic alliance the way could be seen to urge the same precedent on the other countries in similar circumstances. The particular, and probably most important, part of the French position was that it had no obligation to return AWOL's since they had deserted or gone AWOL from stations outside France. There seemed, though, to be a further problem to surmount in Canada--i.e. unlike France, Canada did indeed have U.S. forces on its soil. Though no one can be absolutely sure, it is more than likely that this whole problem caused a great deal of lively debate at the top of the Canadian government. The reader can imagine the factors which must have come under consideration during this period. It is clear now, however, that the Canadian government's position is that military status will have no negative effect on the granting of Landed Immigrant Status. It is equally clear that the government wishes to avoid making public displays concerning this policy.

Even this last step seemed to be modified by the late summer of 1968. At internal "ports" (the actual designation given Immigration Offices in Canada) and at Dorval International Airport, it was not uncommon for the Immigration Officer to remark, in an off-the-cuff manner after the interview, "Over the hill, eh?" Such frankness has been the exception but it serves to confirm the basic decision of the Government. Far more common is that a deserter finds a totally unsympathetic and sometimes U.S. oriented Immigration Officer at the border points, especially in English Canada.

Regarding this last fact, it should be clear that this article cannot explain the procedures a deserter must go through in order to obtain his Landed Immigrant Status. The most important step to take for anyone who is AWOL and wants to investigate the possibilities for immigrating to Canada is to enter Canada as a visitor, at any land border or airport and get in touch with any anti-draft group in Canada. For copies of the list, write to: THE REBEL, An Exile Publication, c/o S. Gruber, POB 611, Station H, Mtl. 25, PQ, Canada.

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Canadian Immigration Laws permit immigration of those who meet their standards regardless of whether or not a person has completed military service. This applies to those who refuse induction as well as those who have interrupted their military service by leaving the Armed Forces. In short, whatever your relation to the United States Armed Forces, whether you are a draft resister, AWOL or deserter, this will not be held against you or prohibit you from receiving Landed Immigrant Status in Canada.

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MANIFESTO OF THE AMERICAN DESERTERS COMMITTEE

We, American Deserters living in Montreal, in opposition to the U.S. imperialist aggression in Vietnam, have banded together to form the American Deserters Committee.

We Deserters and associates view ourselves as an integral part of the world-wide movement for fundamental social change. We express support and solidarity with the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam and the black liberation struggle at home. We are prepared to fight side by side with anyone who wants to bring fundamental social change in the U.S.

Our aim is to help U.S. Deserters and draft resisters gain a more political outlook toward their own actions--too show them that desertion and draft resistance are in fact political moves. Forced to live our lives as political exiles, we view ourselves as victims of the same oppression as the Vietnamese and the American people, not only the minority groups, but also the broad masses of American people who are becoming more aware of the need for change.

We will work to develop the political consciousness of American Deserters and to form a well-educated and determined group which will have a clear understanding of U.S. internal and international policies, especially those which effect Canada and Quebec.

We express solidarity with our fellow servicemen who are still in the military, and as yet are unable to resist actively. We will do all in our power to help all those who resist in the same way--DESERT.

We recognize U.S. imperialism as the greatest threat to the progress of freedom and self-determination for all people, and view desertion as the most effective way to resist.

American Deserters Committee
POB 611
Station H
Montreal 25, Quebec
Dec. 15, 1968

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AMERICANS IN PARIS

by Joel Parker

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PARIS (LNS) -- Americans taking in the sights of Paris last summer were delighted by the carnival of the Latin Quarter streets. Each street was crowded with beggar-artists making music with their guitars, selling original jewelry, eliciting money for struggling artists. But amidst this international marketplace of cheap thrills was a unique and unsettling (for the Americans) experience: a National Liberation Front flag crossed with an American flag drawn in the center of a peace symbol, a guitarist singing Tom Paxton songs, and a sign reading "We are American deserters who have lost our country because we refuse to fight against people whom we don't consider our enemy; please help us survive."

The severity of the situation last summer that forced the deserters to the streets has been somewhat alleviated, but the ignorance and misunderstanding of most Americans of the deserters' plight persists. There are now about 50 deserters in France, 250 in Sweden, and an unknown number living underground in Japan and Canada.

France grants the deserters temporary permits to stay, renewable every fifteen days, in exchange for pledges not to engage in political activity. The French government offers no material aid, unlike Sweden, where deserters receive social security, housing, free education and enjoy political freedom.

Thus the deserters were forced to depend on contributions from the French left, a source of aid effectively cut off during and in the months following the May revolution. When no help came

from the States, despite many promises, several deserters found themselves in a real struggle for survival. Yet only a few gave up and returned to the army, and now, as aid picks up, the prospects of a healthy deserter community seem good for the first time.

The route to freedom for most deserters begins in Germany. Most come from working-class families. They all share a basic opposition to the war and usually have enlisted with the assurance that they would not be sent to Vietnam. News that their units in Germany are put on levy for Vietnam is in most cases the impetus to leave.

In Germany there is an efficient underground that helps deserters to escape to Sweden and France. German S.D.S. has been instrumental in this underground and also distributes deserter literature to GI's. Some deserters try to escape without help as in the case of two who stole their company's jeep and didn't stop till they reached France.

Deserters began arriving in France in May 1967. At first wary of going public, they grouped clandestinely to help new arrivals and publish literature. By March 1968, they had formed a public organization, the French Union of American Deserters and Draft Resisters (FUADR).

With the revolutionary explosion of May, the group voted to issue a public statement of solidarity with the French students and workers. The statement of support was read to an enthusiastic overflow crowd in the occupied Sorbonne, and FUADR set up its office in one of the other liberated buildings. When the revolution failed, the group disbanded under the threat of Gaullist repression.

The decision to become involved in the French struggle did not come without much internal debate. Several deserters maintained that the only issue of relevance to the group should be the war. But a larger group argued that they were the only representatives of the American left in France, that it was important for the movement to become international since the common enemies are imperialism and capitalism, and that it would be groovier to live in a socialist France.

Despite the hardships encountered in the months after the revolution and the disbanding of FUADR, many deserters continued to act politically. An ad hoc committee circulated a petition in the streets of Paris this summer demanding an immediate cessation of the bombing of North Vietnam. Although harassed by police (one draft resister was expelled), the group gathered nine hundred signatures from surprised American tourists and presented the petition to the North Vietnamese delegation to the peace talks. The American delegation refused to meet with the deserters.

The largest obstacle to further political action has been the absence of community. Forced to live isolated in a foreign country, usually unable to speak the language, the very real problem of loneliness haunts many. It is hoped that the recent rental of an apartment to serve as both living quarters and meeting place will begin a period of united action.

A most all the deserters regard their exile as temporary. Though skeptical about the chance for amnesty, some are talking of returning en masse after the end of the war. Much depends on the amount of work done by the movement between now and then to familiarize the American public with the issue. Until now, the deserters have been the forgotten men of the anti-war movement. Faced with the choice between fighting a war they knew was wrong and breaking their country's laws, they chose the latter, sometimes looking back on Nuremberg, sometimes looking ahead to a society where that choice will no longer be necessary.

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OPEN LETTER FROM DESERTERS
AND DRAFT RESISTER COMMUNITY IN FRANCE
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PARIS, [illegible] - France has been granting resident permits to American deserters and draft resisters since May 1967, on condition that we find work and [illegible] support ourselves. Unlike our brothers in Sweden, we receive no financial aid from the government. Since jobs are scarce in [illegible], especially for non-French speaking workers, many of us have been forced to go to the [illegible].

This can be a demoralizing experience; miles away from other young Americans, where a deserter cannot talk with friends who have taken the more..

same step [illegible] the [illegible] responsiveness [illegible] grow.

In addition, this despera[illegible] has prevented a strong deserter-draft resister organization from being established. The mere existence of such a group is an important phenomenon of the anti-war movement. This is the strongest contradiction of the Army's claim that deserters are "cowardly misfits" incapable of fitting in anywhere.

This whole scene is about to change. On January [illegible], we move into a large apartment in the suburbs of Paris. There will be room for only a limited number to live there, but will open up enough additional housing in Paris so that many guys living in the provinces can join us here.

It will also serve as a center for much of our activities. A room will be set aside for an office, a library, [illegible] social center for the Paris community.

But we need help from the movement in the States. Basically we need three things. First, we need money. Rents are higher here than in New York. We want to start printing a newsletter and later, hopefully, a newspaper. Enough small but regular contributions will guarantee a success for us.

Second, we need books, magazines, underground newspapers, etc. We all consider ourselves a part of the American movement and want to be kept informed. We can work out an exchange of publications. Third, we want you to be aware of and interested in what we are doing. Write us, and we will try to answer you as soon as possible.

Checks should be made out to M. VIDAL NACQUET and sent to: M. Zucker, [illegible] Paris 4, France.

Letters, books, papers, etc. should be sent to: M. Bertaudot, 33 rue [illegible], 92-Boulogne, France.

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FROM A DESERTER: QUOTATION
FOR OUR TIMES

They call you a man, and treat you like an animal; they feed you their line, and you think it's the truth. Remember in basic training: double time, chow time, sight time, off time. They wanted you disciplined like a well-running machine, easy to handle, easy to control. They gave you a trade and called you soldier. A soldier: a man ready to die for a cause they call your own, to kill a man they call your enemy. And you believed it; And after being so generous, and making you a man, and making you a soldier, they're still ready to do you more favors. They clothe you and feed you, and pay for your transportation to the war, or wherever they need you. And when you die, they'll pay for your funeral.

-Bill Jones, American Deserters Committee, Stockholm.

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INAUGURATION DAZE
by Hard Corps
Yippee

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RICHARD MILQUETOAST NIXON
RICHARD MILTOWN NIXON
RICHARD MILHAUS NIXON

Kennedy was Harvard University
Johnson was the University of Texas
Nixon is Columbia

Kennedy was French cooking
Johnson was a Barbeque
Nixon is Roast Beef and Mashed Potatoes

Kennedy was the N.Y. Times Magazine
Johnson was Field and Stream
Nixon is Readers Digest

NIXON is the ONE. NIXON is the ONE. NIXON is the ONE. NIXON is the ONE. NIXON is the ONE. NIXON

Smiling Dick, plastic teeth and all, picks his way among the invited guests at the Inaugural Ball, Lawrence Welk has just finished a peppy waltz and the floor glistens in crinoline splendor. Everyone's here. Art Linkletter, Annette Funnicello, Rev. Norman Vincent Peale, Ann Landers, Billy Graham, Norman Rockwell, Sam Levinson (a token since this is the most WASP ball the country has seen in twelve years), Joyce Brothers, Bud Wilkinson, Bert Parks, Bennett Cerf, Sen. George Murphy, Ted Mack, Pat Boone, Dr. Frank Baxter. There are celebrities from the '50's, Army men, bank executives and loads of advertising men. There are lots of greying sideburns. Oh look. There goes the cabinet. One hardly recognized them for, in the words of Vice-President Agnew, "When you've seen one

cab not you've seen them all." The men all look like an ad for Smirnoff's Vodka. The women all look like Angela Lansbury in the Manchurian Candidate. It is a Snow White ball and young prince David Eisenhower escorts Julie Nixon around the floor knowing full well he holds the future of American youth in his white gloves. It is a heavy burden but as the commentators all note, he is "holding up remarkably well." There are five official inaugural balls in all. My God, five balls and no cock, what strange beast has been summoned forth?

And so, what are we, the outside freaks, the no goodniks, the aliens in Alien Registration Month, what are we to do in the face of oatmeal? Should we travel on this cold weekend down to Washington. Washington, the seat of the central government, Washington, that pimple on the Potomac. Washington, where the law says you cannot build anything higher than the allmighty cock of the Washington Monument. Should we go to Washington? Should we go and build our Tower of Babel to the Heavens?

Hell yes. Hell yes. Hell yes.

Qualification: This is not going to be another Chicago. This is not going to be another Chicago.

This is not going to be a confrontation scene a la Daleyland. This is definitely not going to happen. Reason number one: The weather. Fighting pigs in the street is not a winter activity. Our numbers will be low, probably a few thousand.

Reason number two: The inauguration is a symbolic show of power, not an actual one such as a political convention.

Reason number three: The organizers who have agreed to call people to Washington have all agreed that the nature of the language and action should be non-confrontational.

Reason number four: Washington Capital Cops are a different breed than Chicago neanderthals. They are more like androids and as such obey orders in a more machine-like manner.

Reason number five: No one gets their rocks off over Nixon.

What is in the planning stage is an assault on those Washington institutions we have come to know so well over the past few years. Guerrilla theater guides from the Living Theatre, the Yippie Gym School, the American Playground of Washington, and the Daughters of the American Revolution will be on hand to work out various mind zappers. Here are some examples of the types of street theater that might take place:

FBI Building: Hanging J. Edgar Hoover in effigy, hanging J. Edgar not in effigy. People with binoculars and magnifying glasses tramping through the building. Investigators with tape recorders and cameras collecting evidence of an FBI conspiracy. A hunt for Eldridge Cleaver reportedly hiding out in the basement of the FBI building. Girls offering their bodies to the Chief (he supposedly has gone all these seventy-three years without once.)

U.S. Mint: Passing out of phony money, burning money, burning mint. A call for immediate devaluation of the dollar.

White House: Four men dressed in painter's uniforms approach the White House carrying buckets of black paint. The Pig is shown the White House.

Washington Monument: Magic circling of the Washington Monument by a troupe of vestal virgins to exorcise the country's need for a perpetual hard-on. A "Fuck the World" ceremony.

Pentagon: Simulated Yippie War Games, chemical warfare demonstration of the dreaded fuck-drug LACF.

Federal Drug Administration: Smoke-In; passing-out of free birth-control pills, dramatization of a narcotics raid.

Constitution Hall: Fug chorale singing "River of Shit" in thirty part harmony on the front steps.

Smithsonian Institute: Presentation of LBJ fully dressed and stuffed for placement in their wild game room.

These skits do not involve large numbers of participants and few run the risk of skull-cracking and jailing, yet they show people how much respect we have for these cherished institutions. Small groups can begin to prepare these skits or others before they come to Washington. Overlapping is fine. The more the merrier. These skits should take place Saturday and Sunday (January 18-19).

There is also a BLT conspiracy secretly plotting the assassination of President Pig on Sunday night. At the same time, the Inhoguration Committee is planning an elaborate ceremonial for

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his swearing-in to the nation's high [illegible]
After our beloved leader has gone to the
swill bucket in the sky, we will celebrate
an Inhoguration Ball. Judy Collins, Paul Kr[illegible]
sner, the Fugs, the Fallen Angels, the Psychodelic
Power & Light Co. and more [illegible] will be [illegible]
into a giant celebration. At one point [illegible]
Pignata will appear and the joyous inmates [illegible]
devour his innards fulfilling the pledge made [illegible]
Chicago: "We plan to elect a pig that we [illegible]
vour, rather than the traditional election system [illegible]
that works in the opposite manner."

Other groups with other states of mind [illegible]
also be in Washington: in particular, the [illegible]
Mobilization Committee to End the War [illegible]
planning a series of workshops and a demonstration
on Sunday, probably a march to the Capitol [illegible]
Monday, the day King Richard-the-Pig-Head[illegible]
be sworn into office, [illegible] Mobilization [illegible]
to demonstrate along the parade route [illegible]
home can join the action by paying close attention
to the inauguration ceremonies. When Nixon is
sworn in and says the phrase "[illegible] so help me God,"
rush into the bathroom and flush the toilet on
the word "God". If enough people [illegible]
flush precisely at that moment, strange things
will happen to local water systems. Can [illegible]
indicted for conspiracy? [illegible]

The purpose of it all [illegible] we're not [illegible]
Brother know that Little Brother is watching him.
That we do not accept the results of the past
election and we consider the birth of his administration
stration strictly a miscarriage.

(Persons who wish to keep posted on the development of plans for Washington or who have [illegible] out their own pranks should get in touch [illegible] World Hallucinations, [illegible] is needed. We have buttons 10-$1.00; [illegible] endars at $2.25. $10.00 will get you enough [illegible] bage to clog all the toilets at [illegible] board.)

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Communists are concerned, the Supreme Court has even held, as late as 1966, that in a conviction for conspiracy to defraud the government by filing non-Communist affidavits with the National Labor Relations Board as required under the Taft Hartley Act, the defendant could not challenge the Constitutionality of the statute because he had conspired to fraudulently evade it.

The agreement of "common design" which is the basis of all conspiracy, must be communicated to another, although the communication need not be direct. The agreement may, in fact, be only tacit, implied, or indicated, and need not actually be expressed. It is not necessary to show that the parties actually met and agreed or that they had a prearranged plan, although a better case is made by such proof. While knowledge is definitely required to convict, if one party has only knowledge or expressed acquiescence short of agreement, there can be no conviction.

Each agreement is a separate offense, regardless of the number of criminal acts to be engaged in, and several conspiracy indictments may allege several similar but distinct agreements. In addition, the conspiracy is entirely separate from the substantive crime (i.e. sabotage) and may be charged separately.

In proving the agreement, hearsay evidence is generally admissible, as is circumstantial evidence. In this fashion, conspiracy is frequently proven by evidence which assumes the conspiracy, since it is only admissable in conspiracy cases, thus in effect presuming the guilt rather than the innocence of the party charged.

One of the major reasons for use of conspiracy charges in political cases is the fact that all of the acts and declarations of the co-conspirators are admissable in evidence against all of them. While these are insufficient alone to prove agreement, they are of immense help, and may even be used where the party who made or aid them is not in court. Even the uncorroborated wholly circumstantial evidence of a single accomplice is binding on all the others. It would be possible, for example, for the Oakland District Attorney, Frank Coakley, to allege that Fidel Castro was part of a conspiracy with the Oakland Seven, and introduce statements from "History Will Absolve Me" in court as evidence. This was actually done in the Rosenberg-Sobell case, where a Russian already returned to the USSR was named as a co-conspirator solely for the purpose of introducing his statements in evidence. This is an exception to the rule that people are to be judged by their own acts and declarations. Where conspiracy is charged not to obtain a conviction, but only to introduce the acts and declarations against the others, the proof is especially lax, and in many states the conspiracy need not be alleged at all.

When a defendant joins a conspiracy already underway, the prior acts and declarations of the co-conspirators, except for crimes they have committed, are admissable in evidence against the "late joiner". Aiding and abetting is generally insufficient to prove conspiracy, however, regardless of when it occurs, without agreement.

While an agreement continues, parties may come into the conspiracy or drop out of it, the plan may change, etc., but there must, at any one time, be two or more members, even though they may not be the original parties. A person may even be convicted of conspiracy where the identity or number of co-conspirators is unknown; even where only one person is arrested. All that is required is that he know the purpose and agree to become a party to effectuate that purpose.

While it is possible to withdraw from a conspiracy, in practice it is quite difficult. In many states it is not possible to withdraw after an overt act has taken place. Furthermore, the withdrawal must be communicated to the other members. In one case in California, the defendant conspired with a doctor and others to commit abortions, had a disagreement with the doctor and dropped out of the plan. Several months later, when the abortions were performed, the defendant was arrested and convicted, since he had only informed the doctor of his intent to withdraw but failed to inform the other parties. The withdrawal must also occur in enough time before the event that other members would have a chance to cancel the conspiracy.

If, at the trial, all the defendants but one are acquited, there can be no conspiracy, since there are no longer two or more parties.

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[illegible] held that the overt [illegible] conspiracy within th [illegible] all members, whether [illegible] member is respon- [illegible] reasonable and [illegible] common unlawful de- [illegible] expressly for- [illegible] robbery).

[illegible] for many offen- [illegible] service conspir- [illegible] the showing of an [illegible] the basis of the

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crime. To be subject to prosecution for conspiracy to violate any of the duties or obligations of the Selective Service Act, one need not be subject to the registration provisions of the act. For example, a woman could be prosecuted for conspiracy to block an induction. Furthermore, to be prosecuted for conspiracy, the person need not violate the substance of the act. For example, if a draft card "turn-in" is being planned on a certain date, an individual who had no intent to turn in his own draft card, but who merely helped prepare publicity could be convicted of conspiracy. Actual cases prosecuted are rare under this statute, but these may increase as resistance increases.

While many of the political activities we engage in border on illegality, the language of conspiracy statutes is so broad as to include almost any protest today. This does not mean that political activity should cease or that attempts to raise legal defense should not be encouraged, but only that conspiracy charges occur when there has been a political decision to charge even peaceful activity with illegal intent.

It is essential, however, that organizers understand that a clear delineation be made between legal and illegal forms of struggle wherever possible, and that our illegality is a partial measure of our effectiveness. Under no circumstances should we underestimate the strengths and abilities of the system. Law reflects the political necessities of the time and of the class it serves.

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AMERICAN MEDIA IMPERIALISM

by Eric de Norman

LIBERATION News Service/Europe

LONDON (LNS)--When asked what he thought of the English cinema, Jean Luc Godard replied that there were no English films, only American films with English backdrops.

Had he been asked about British television, Godard would not have been able to acknowledge even the locally painted backdrop. More than 50% of television air time in this country is put in the can on the other side of the Atlantic.

The economics which determine this surrender to the lowest level of American mass culture are simple: it costs less to buy a television package from abroad than it does to go to all the trouble of manufacturing one's own.

Even British television productions, before they are considered for British airwaves, are usually subject to the test of whether they are saleable to one of the big American networks whose advertisers, reaching greater audiences, are willing to pay more per minute for the opportunity to encourage the fantasies of their prospective clientele. A successful British program may just break even in this country; if put onto the American market, an appreciable profit is guaranteed.

So even the British production has first to appease the American taste, and is less British for that. National integrity, aesthetic integrity, intellectual integrity suffer. Early this year certain British producers had planned to base a series on the political revolt of the young across Europe and North America. Come September, with the passing of months of white and black protest in the United States, the production counterparts in America nearly swallowed their tongues when finally broached with the idea. A program treating the protest movements objectively would be like napalm in the soap powder of the American advertiser. So not only the American, but the British public, as well as the potential viewers in other countries round the world were denied the work of honest men.

The British Government has intervened to protect the country's T.V. industry, creative talent, and viewing public from a complete American takeover. Technically, only 40% of air time in this country may be devoted to foreign productions. (For foreign read American.) But the British television companies are obliged to provide certain services such as children's and religious programs, as well as educational and news services. This obligation is only met at the cost of eating into the 60% native preserve. This leaves about 50% of the air time in the hands of the "foreigners," and as the obligatory British services must appear in the afternoon, early evening, or late at night as in

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[illegible] media to herself. In [illegible] that [illegible] total programming, may be how [illegible] were [illegible] against [illegible] of imported [illegible] film. And as [illegible] of American material was made [illegible] and [illegible] forecasts, sports programs, general [illegible] programs, and reports of [illegible] hours [illegible] only 6" hours [illegible] revolved the production and [illegible] of the country. That is, 25% [illegible] the rest is either [illegible] substantially British [illegible] imports. The rest [illegible] million there are only [illegible] professional level for [illegible]

Foreigners have [illegible] on the Aus- [illegible] from industry [illegible] in the suppression of [illegible] one [illegible] two distribution [illegible] the [illegible] field of exhibition, and one [illegible] the other American. No film has [illegible] without the backing of one of [illegible] which dictate what the public should see. The external control is justified with the argument that the Aust[illegible] to sustain a profitable [illegible] countries, Austria, [illegible] smaller populations than Aust[illegible] the [illegible] to overcome [illegible] film industry now [illegible] of [illegible] by [illegible] film industry [illegible]

Media imperialism of this sort is most easily carried out by America in English-speaking countries. But, as in Latin America, U.S. networks lose no opportunity to sell their wares to governments when poverty makes it difficult to spare money for the higher cost of local production. Here America takes advantage of her wealth to keep the people's minds as well as their stomachs empty.

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JAPANESE LEFTISTS SEND GREETINGS

LIBERATION News Service

TOKYO (LNS) -- The Japanese Communist League, leading new left group in Japan, has sent an open letter of "greetings to all people who are fighting against imperialism, capitalism, and all kinds of oppression."

The League, affiliated with the Leftist Zengakuren, reports on its various anti-war, anti-imperialist protest activities of recent months, concluding that "the purpose of the movement is not just to protest the war in Vietnam but to overthrow our own imperialistic power structure."

The JCL has its primary base in the university, where it is promoting "syndicalist" demands:

"Students are trying to stop the universities as a base of oppression and exploitation, and trying to make the university a base of revolution by liberalizing it and by opening it up for the people."

As the cops are called to break up the student actions, larger number of students become radical.

The JCL reports growing cooperation with workers, since the "economical growth of Japan and capitalism has come to an end and now we are entering into a phase of depression. There is discontent among the workers, but they cannot trust their union leaders who are mainly interested in how to maintain peace between the capitalist and the workers."

Meanwhile, the JCL notes that Japanese capitalists are seeking to integrate the unions into the capitalist system by expanding their

markets, while also building up their own military power and relying on U.S. military presence.

The JCL is attempting to build a radical movement through the strengthening of Anti-War Youth Committees among workers. These committees had been "used by reformist bureaucrats ..to build them from the top down." Now, the young communists say, "we are trying to build them from the bottom up, by student activists or by workers who used to be student activists, inviting the workers to political meetings, supporting and leading struggles waged by unorganized workers in small factories, supporting wild-cat strikes, etc

Most of the young workers involved thus far, however, are former students who "are still isolated among the factory workers."

The JCL has asked fraternal organizations to communicate with it:

"We are sure that some of our problems are being shared by revolutionaries of the world (especially by European and American militants). We appreciate any comment or suggestion based on experience of your struggles. Let us keep up our fight for world revolution."

For further information, write to: Communist League, c/o Jokyo-sha, Shin Yamashiro building, 2-10 Ogawacho, Kanda, Chiyeda-ku, Tokyo, Japan.

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YOKOMOHI-COMPLEX AND ZENGAKUREN

by Kenichi Iyanaga

LIBERATION News Service

TOKYO (LNS) -- It is a cliche to say that Japan is Americanized. Indeed if one looks at gorgeous and tasteless Neon-signs in Ginza, the constant flow of young men with long hair and the girls wearing mini-skirts, it must be hard to find the things which are quite alien to Western peoples.

To casual eyes, Japanese may look all alike, just like their tiny cars and houses. But actually, the variety of social strata, complexity of the network of human relations, are amazing.

If one wants to look at the Zengakuren movement, it is necessary to think about this complex background. Again, for a casual observer, the Japanese leftist movement may seem like an imitation of Western ones, and I am sorry to say that to a certain degree it is true. We have the so-called "yokomohi-complex." Yokomohi means the sentence written horizontally--Western writing. For an imitator of Western civilization, anything of Western origin is authentic. The yokomohi-complex has been strong among our intellectual population and the elite. Sometimes it took the form of chauvinism.

I think that this complex has a historical origin. Firstly, there is a secret admiration of power which dominates, power which exploits. This slavish admiration, which became a part of Japanese attitudes during centuries of military dictatorship under Shogunate, may take the form of self-hatred. Secondly, I think that the history of modernization of Japan since the end of the 19th century is responsible for the yokomoji-complex. The history since the beginning of Meiji era, has been a humiliating process, in which the capitalists tried to transform Japan according to the Western models. Japan became a member of Western imperialist powers. Thanks in part to American occupation forces, the roots of Japanese imperialism were kept intact, and now it has grown into a huge monster.

Leftist ideas were imported from Europe during the process of modernization. And ever since, for most of Japanese intellectuals, the center of world revolutionary movement has been in the West.

In this brief article I can say very little about the Japanese Communist Party. It is enough to say that except for a short period before the war the party has been a hopeless body of dogmatists and bureaucrats. Especially after the war, in its zigzag ways, it helped the capitalists to make a come back in new "democratic and liberal" attire. The CP depends heavily upon the bourgeois idea of "community ("Japan is a community of people sharing the same suffering under Yankee imperialists,"). The myth of Stalinism is gone now, but the myth of the Party, Proletariat, Scientific Marxism, etc., remains. The CP still has a considerable influence among the people for whom the Party is everything. Even in the "new left," some of old Stalinist ways of thinking persist.

The first serious criticism of the Japanese CP was done by a group of student CP members right

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From OLD MARKET NEWS, in Omaha, Nebraska (1106 Howard Street): "We have had our bookstore condemned. However, we expect to be un-condemned in the next few days..

We are (at last) starting to get a permanent staff together so some of the things we have always thought about doing we shall now be able to do. One of these is that I have been offered a hotel for $500 a month. I think that we will get it and use it as a place for Omaha's hip-population to live.

ASTERISK is doing all right, but I want to write to other new papers and try to help in whatever way we can. That is why we started the bookstore in the first place."

SEND YOUR PAPERS TO THE OLD MARKET NEWS SO THEY CAN GET IT OUT TO THE POPULACE THERE. Also, they would like to sponsor a meeting of the Underground press here in Omaha in March. We would like to call the meeting "Subterranean News Syndicate."

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From Allen Young, of LNS: Out in Madison and elsewhere, we have talked about the coverage of the Movement in the straight press. Two interesting examples have come up recently. There was a series of articles on youth in FORTUNE, including a piece on the New Left. An old friend of mine from Journalism school, Carol Falk, now a Fortune "researcher" asked me for help with the story; in fact, I did my best to help. The Fortune issue included some serious articles about the rebellion in young America. The specific piece on the New Left was a rather routine catalog of organizations, without any coherent presentation of the New Left critique of American campitalism. I just got a note from Carol:

"The January issue of Fortune should be arriving soon, if it hasn't already reached you. I suspect you may find it interesting and probably not too surprising. Charlie Burck and I are sorry about our own story, however, because very little of what went into it appears in print. We feel we owe an apology to all the people we talked with on the basis of expectations that haven't been realized. We set out to do something quite different but it just didn't work or make sense as far as the editors were concerned. What survived is the fraction of the original--along with some amendments--that they considered relevant. But then maybe Charlie and I are the only ones who really held out much hope things could be otherwise. Though it's frustrating not to have your work appear in print, we don't feel the weeks of reporting were wasted at all. As one staff member here commented, the issue served much the same purpose as the Peace Corps--it didn't change much for those it set out to serve, but it really did a lot for those who worked in it."

Another recent item in the commercial press was John Kirner's "Spectator's Guide to the Troublemakers" in the January ESQUIRE. Lots of pictures and "cute" captions about the MOVEMENT. And an absurd cover which made the rather dubious point that it is a movement tactic to put "chicks up front" in a demonstration so they can distract the cops. Kifner told me that when he first heard about the cover, he was so angry that he threatened to withhold the story altogether. Apparently, his threat was empty.

How should we evaluate an article like this one? Should we cooperate with "sympathetic" folks like Kifner in the future? I don't think there are any easy answers to this. It is clear that there is nothing overtly hostile to the Movement in articles of this type. To some extent, the article makes the movement seem "groovy" and "attractive." Is this good or not? If we are fighting the ruling class (which advertises in Esquire), should we even want to appear "groovy" in the middle of all that shit? Does an article like this make us fodder for a kind of political voyeurism?

Or, despite all these shortcomings, is an article like this useful simply because it makes the movement attractive and thereby turns some people on to us (the assumption being that we provide the "good politics" later)?

Obviously, there's no clear answer to these questions, and they are worth further discussion. Many individuals had to face the issues even prior to the article's publication. While most cooperated with Esquire, a few didn't. Some refused to help Esquire obtain Photos. A number of Movement photographers and publications were reluctant to give photos, but didso when they learned there was good money involved.

We would be interested in hearing from people who have seen the Fortune or Esquire articles (or other articles), and who would like to comment on this issue for the Bulletin Board.

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A PLUG FOR MAYDAY: Twelve issues have been out, but not enough folks know about it. It's MAYDAY, which has good radical muckraking on every issue. Subs cost $10 a year or $6 for students; from 80 Spring Place, New York 10003. Editorial correspondence should be directed to Mayday, 61 No. Carolina Av. SE, Washington D.C. 20003. Among the folks associated with the weekly newsletter are Andy Kopkind, Jim Ridgeway, Robbert Sherrill, Ralph Nader, and Judy Coburn.

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LITERATURE AND IDEOLOGY: Literature and Ideology is a new quarterly for the study of literature according to the principles of historical materialism. Its first issue, in February, will include: "Problems of Ideology in Criticism," "A Materialist Analysis of Shakespeare's Sonnets," "Anarchism and Reaction in Afro-American Literature," "Vagabond Journalism: Literature and Criticism Underground" and several reviews. Annual Subscription is $2.00. Write: Literature & Ideology, Box 6606, Providence, R.I. 02901

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From the KUDZU ... Mi... 39205 "... selling obscene literature ... 'fuckin' ... we'll ... until we ... Circuit ... we'll ... the Southern ... way down, ..."

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From THE WORD, New Orleans ...

"The Word has been doing a thing which might be beneficial for everybody ... we have some small odd pieces of space which are usually taken up with "Fillers." ... a practice to use this space ... addresses and subscription rates ... movement publications ... a regular column for this purpose ... small way we can help each other ... thing, and can be of help to the entire movement. Some papers have written to tell ... substantial increases in New Orleans ... due to our publishing of their rates. Here are our rates, to get ...

THE ...
Weekly, ... pages ...
$5 26 issues $9 ... issues
918 Kerlerec St
New Orleans, La 70116

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From FIFTH AVENUE PARADE COMMITTEE especially directed at New Yorkers: -- "The Parade Committee needs people who have two hands. If you type or run a mimeo or whatever so much the better. But all that really matters is ... willing to do things, whatever is necessary, like leafletting at movement meetings and stuff mailings, etc. If you can spare some time to help, please write or call us right away." That's the 5TH AVE. PEACE PARADE COMMITTEE, ... (212)255 1075, in New York City

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From THE CARILLON, Univ. of Saskatchewan, Regina, Canada: "The Carillon is being threatened with censorship and the removal of any semblance of student autonomy. It has undergone continual harassment from the Government of Saskatchewan and from the Board of Governors ... largely concerned with ... Carillon directed toward the ... government and the Board of Governors and Senate of the University.

By its actions, the Board ... declared that it will attempt to impose ... the Carillon or to force the Students' Union ... censorship by financially strangling the ... These actions are in direct ... the Canadian Univ. Press Code of Ethics ... both moral and financial support ... letters or telegrams of support ... publications ... greatly appreciated and may be sent ... Students' Union ... editor of the Carillon

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From KALEIDOSCOPE, Milwaukee, Wisc. 53211 (P.O. Box 5457)

"There isn't a free press in the country that doesn't have problems. And the problems all have a certain sameness. Kaleidoscope is no exception. However, many of our problems seem to have happened all at once, together...Our serious/most recent setback. on December 4, I was found guilty on two counts of publishing obscenity...The two-year sentence was stayed and probation invoked, but with a hitch: it would be revoked if Kaleidoscope publishes any more "obscenity."[John Kois]

PLAN Z FOR HELP. Kaleidoscope has asked you to publish a specific ad in your paper, in exchange for an ad from your paper For a copy of the ad (if they haven't sent it to you) write to Kaleidoscope, address above.

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From 'SOMETHING', Toronto 6, Canada. (1102 Broadview Ave.) 'Final tests were completed on a low-frequency transmitter, and are installed in a 64-foot fishing trawler that will be anchored 'somewhere' within radio range of the Eastern Seaboard and the Province of Quebec." They plan to broadcast regularly (every evening) on the regular broadcast band. The main theme will be to explain the desire of French-speaking Canadian to regain their independence from English speaking Canada. Broadcasts will be in French and English. "Friends of LNS are invited to mail their tapes for broadcast. This will be North America's first 'off shore' radio station." From John Sara.

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see you next week --let us hear from more of you

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P.S. One More Addition

PLEASE NOTE: The fist which appeared on Page P-6 of LNS #127 was drawn by Don Colflesh. Credit was omitted in the original packet.

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LEVIATHAN is the name of a new movement monthly, the first issue of which will appear in February. Subs cost $5 a year or $4 a year for movement folks. The magazine has editorial and production staffs in San Francisco, and is headquartered at 2700 Broadway, NYC 10025. Office in San Francisco (c/o Wiley, 250 Mullen Ave, S.F. Calif. 94110) and in Boston (c/o the New England Free Press, 791 Tremont St., Roxbury, Mass. 02118.) The editors describe LEVIATHAN as dealing with critiques of American power and empire, strategy and tactics for change, and visions of a new society. It is the product of movement people associated with SDS and the faculty-oriented New University Conference, a successor, in a sense, of Viet-Report and Paper Tiger. For further info, write to Leviathan in New York.

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THE VERY END OF YOUR LNS BULLETIN BOARD.SEND NEWS.

THREE POEMS

by Doug Youngblood

LIBERATION News Service

EPISTLE TO MY COUNTRY

I. the eagle (or is it a vulture?)
is falling
&
in its plunge
plastic explodes from its head.
plastic ideologies, plastic faces, plastic existence
plastic minds and hearts
unused IBMs resting behind plastic eyes
plastic sex, cities, and churches
kept alive by will/
shove, push, step on
get to the top
&
hold the plastic emptiness
in bitter hands

Woody told us, remember
"plastic everythin's gonna be made outta plastic"
&
it's come to pass
that what he foretold
is
now reality

Warhol understood & made money from it
with his
"exploding plastic inevitable"
that tried to make something beautiful
out of capitalism
&
Dylan
who cried to us:
"I can see that your head has been twisted and fed
with worthless foam from the mouth"
only wanted us to know
that
".. not much is really sacred"
so
"fight another match, go start anew,"
but we demanded that he lay aside the thunder
for an Elizabethan concept
of structure
which would result in the solidification
& realization
of the ideas that we held
only he wouldn't lay aside the lightning
for a candle
because he saw the wall of plastic
that was moving toward us
&
understood its
connotations
&
uncompassionate nature
&
cried to us again that
"I saw a new born baby with wild wolves all around it"
and
"I try to harmonize with songs the lonesome sparrows sing
there are no songs inside the gates of Eden"

con't

oh, sing no more my soul the
celluloid currency of crime
nor
the metaphysical money of misery.
sing, instead of Revolution
&
yes, let there be songs of peace.

America, why are you ashamed of your poets?

II.

"plastic, everythin's gonna be made outta plastic'

plastic justice, charity, and affluence
with altars built to the god of war
burning bright
in Gary Indiana.
factories groaningly produce
the steel of death
&
in the light of these grisly cathedrals
stand
the hungry children
the angry blacks
the blinded soldier
&
from the plastic penthouses
the children of wealth
cry of the terrible loneliness & sterility
of
a
plastic existence.

plastic promises, propaganda, & politics
America is a plastic imitation of
the Republic, brain-child of
Plato (an ardent enemy of democracy).
plastic, everythin's gonna be made outta plastic
we too are plastic
plastic to be molded by the State
into whatever it wishes
&
so some of us are shaped into
workers, warriors, niggers, beggers
or
whatever is needed to make real
Plato's society
where everything & everyone is defined
&
put into their slot.

America, it's no fun to be imprisoned in someone else's
argument.

III.

we heard the cries of our black brothers
&
marched soutward to liberate them
only to find our own bodies manacled
with the chains of capitalism
&
we began to understand a little more
about the nature of the world.

(con'd)

we began to understand hypocrisy, exploitation,
&
the frontierless world the plastic leaders
are constructing
malnutrition in Mississippi
hungary & jobless miners in Kentucky & Tennessee
empty fields in Kansas
storage bins standing full
billions of dollars spent to produce
carnage & rubble
bayoneted rifles & tanks in the streets of America
shouting
"never "
to those who have stepped outside your argument
&
definitions,
calling for the cleansing winds of Revolution.
mental hospitals jammed full
jails & prisons overflowing
submission to tyranny
compromise with poverty & ignorance
with all the time, manpower & money
all you have produced is a celluloid cycle of silly slogan.
paint it red, white, & blue
&
no matter what it is it becomes the noblest of
aims.
this is the heritage you so proudly held out to us
&
are shocked because we turn away in repulsion.
in your frustration you label us outlaws
&
enemies of the State.
yes, a thousand times yes
we are enemies of <u>your</u> State with
its sick & distorted analysis
of what life is really all about
&
we are tired of your lies, half-truths & out-dated solutions
we want something real & meaningful
because in <u>your</u> State
we read a million books & drown
in human lakes of stupidity,
we search for God and get a flaming cross.

America, take Adolf Hitler out of your Hall of Fame.

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we want no more symbols or facsimiles or words
that tell us there are no frontiers left
that fill us with hate & racism
that make murdering warriors of us
that fill us with your frustrations & insecurities
we want no part of a world controlled by dead men
whose theories we have to act out
&
we will combat these ideas from the past
because they are not applicable with the realities
of today

(con'd)

[illegible] are not

[illegible] domination of property.
[illegible] yesterday.

[illegible] belongs to us

[illegible] which Jesus spoke,
[illegible] truth

[illegible] puppet governments

[illegible] all people, not just a few.

[illegible] Jesus was dead

[illegible] things
[illegible] hand

[illegible] that the end

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

and [illegible] deny my heritage
because there are those
who
point only to the ugly [illegible]
[illegible]
and only on the [illegible]

there are three [illegible]
ruling-class
middle-class
and
working class
[illegible] of the latter [illegible]
that white [illegible]
[illegible]
the problems [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

are caught up in the visions
of men long dead
and are masters only within the context
of these arguments.

the history we are taught in school
is ruling class history
and says nothing of the times
[illegible] people have joined with non-whites to battle
the bosses or rulers
yes, my people have been and are savage
but what race, people, or nation has acted other
when seated on the seats of power?
what Aztec, German, African, or English king
can boast of a history
[illegible] of exploitation, slaughter, or thievery?

[illegible] what we no longer need from yesterday
[illegible] ideas and concepts we must battle
[illegible] have no time to
oppress our brothers
[illegible] struggle for a better tomorrow.

PANTHERS DENOUNCE AGENTS AND FOOLS

OAKLAND, Calif. (LNS) -- The Black Panther Party has issued a denunciation of "provocateur agents, kooks and avaricious fools" who have found their way into the ranks of the party. A press release issued by the party says that such persons "have acted foolishly and raised confusion by acts of banditry."

"For example, the press release says, "William Brent, who allegedly pulled an $80 holdup in our newspaper distribution truck is considered to be either a provacateur agent or an insane man."

The Panthers also reiterate that all Panthers must strictly obey the rules of the Party, which stress personal and political discipline.

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[Note to editors: See also an earlier Panther Press release and full text of rules published in LNS No. 126, Dec. 14, 1968]

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RADICALS PRESSURE JEWISH GROUP ON DRAFT STAND

NEW YORK (LNS) -- A campaign is underway to compel the American Jewish Congress to become actively involved in support for draft resistance and draft counseling programs. The Congress, an influential and wealthy organization, has already passed a resolution in favor of selective conscientious objection--to grant CO status to those who object "on the basis of ethical and moral as well as religious grounds."

However, Jewish activists believe that the Congress will take a more active anti-draft stance only if subject to pressure. Letters and phone calls for this purpose should be directed to Will Maslow, executive director, American Jewish Congress, 15 E. 84th St., New York, N.Y. 10028. Phone 212-TR7-1500.

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FOREIGNERS PROTESTED

GOERGETOWN, Guyana (LNS) -- Four foreign teachers--two Peace Corps volunteers from the U.S. and two Canadians--were the target of a protest walk-out and picket line in a local high school recently. The students protested against the foreigners because they are replacing Guyanaese teachers who are "in dire need of employment," according to the Guyana Information Bulletin.

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SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS VICTIMS OF WITCHHUNT

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (LNS) --"The largest and most extensive witch hunt ever conducted against South African students" is now underway, the president of the National Union of South African Students, Duncan Innes, stated recently. In recent months, scores of students have come under some kind of police or government surveillance. Twenty-one students were expelled from Fort Hare University College for Africans after they staged a sit-in protest over the installation of a white president. Innes himself was denied a passport for having taken part in a sit-in, according to the Institute for International Affairs

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LIGHT SENTENCES FOR GIs WHO REFUSED CHICAGO DUTY

FORT HOOD, Tex. (LNS) -- Two more of the GIs who refused to go to Chicago during the National Democratic Convention got off with light sentences from military tribunals.

Findia Sanks was broken from Spec/4 to E-1 rank, and received a nine month suspended sentence and a bad conduct discharge. He could have received 10 years at hard labor--five for refusing orders to go to Chicago and five for an assault charge based on the fact that he put up a struggle when arrested by MPs. Howard Harris received a similar sentence under the similar circumstances, except that his suspended sentence was 10 months

Curtis McLane, a New York lawyer, was retained by the American Servicemen's Union to defend the men. Andy Stapp, head of the Union, classified the sentences as a victory.

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ELDRIDGE CLEAVER WELCOME HERE

SECTARIANISM AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT: A REPORT ON THE SDS NATIONAL COUNCIL

ANN ARBOR, Mich (LNS) -- As we grope toward coherent revolutionary politics, the Movement's largest and most influential organization, Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), is grappling with the dynamic between sectarianism and political development

The difficulties of the search for clarity and direction within SDS came into focus at the National Council (NC) meeting held in the South Quadrangle on the University of Michigan campus Dec 27-31 The NC, which meets four times a year, is the interim policy-making body of SDS and consists of chapter delegates. This was the largest national gathering in the history of SDS, with 165 voting delegates and about 1,000 in attendance

Once again, the debate inside SDS centered on differences between SDS members loyal or sympathetic to Progressive Labor Party and those seeking to develop a coherent but less doctrinaire New Left politics

The influence of PL inside SDS has teamed up with a growing consciousness of SDS's place in the history of international socialism (traced through such inchoate people and groups as Marx, Lenin, Debs, the IWW, the CPUSA, Mao, Ho and Fidel) This has led SDS to pick up Marxist-Leninist phraseology So far, this phraseology has been a substitute for political development--clearly a drawback--but there are signs that people are beginning to develop a clear set of political ideas now.

The search for orthodoxy within the non-PL sectors of SDS, however, often means that people use slogans and quotes (from the Marxist-Leninist-Maoist "fathers", without attempting to apply a Marxist analysis to the world of 1969 and beyond The point is that the terms (e g. class struggle) are correct; however, we are only beginning to develop the ideas behind the terms If that dynamic can't be completed, we're in trouble.

The danger is defining yourself by the opposition and developing politics not in terms of society at large, but in terms of factional fights.

At the NC, roll-call votes were held, indicating the tension present because of factional differences.

The extent of the factionalism became especially clear during the debate on a proposal made by Mike Klonsky, SDS national secretary, for the formation of a national revolutionary youth movement which would function beyond the campus and beyond traditional student types. Klonsky's proposal, which was approved, was seen as an interim strategy designed to move SDS"s base from traditional prestige campuses to all types of schools, including vocational schools, nursing schools, junior colleges and community colleges.

PL opposed the Klonsky proposal because it doesn't fit the party's strategy, which sees SDS as merely an anti-imperialist student group. As SDS develops into something more than a student movement, it is moving into a position to play a revolutionary role, threatening PL, which defines itself as a revolutionary vanguard party.

Factionalism emerged again at the end of the NC when, during the singing of "Solidarity Forever," there were shouts from PL and its friends against the use inside SDS of the black flag of anarchy and the red flag of libertarian socialist revolution.

In other actions at the NC, a resolution concerning the development of a program for women's liberation was passed easily, while there was overwhelming defeat for a motion to support the Jan. 18-20 Inauguration mobilization in Washington, D.C. A majority of the delegates do not favor mass confrontations on the basis of coalition politics at this time.

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QUOTES FROM THE UNDERGROUND

"On my underground railroad I never ran my train off the track, and I never lost a passenger."

-Harriet Tubman

WOMEN'S LIBERATION: A PART OF PEOPLE'S LIBERATION

LIBERATION News Service

[Editor's note: The following resolution on women's liberation was approved by the National Council of SDS meeting recently in Ann Arbor, Mich.]

Women form the oldest and largest continually oppressed group in the family of humankind, their subjugation dating from the downfall of primitive communal society and the rise of private property.

The inability of the "most advanced, technologically developed" etc. capitalist society to provide equality to half its citizens not only exposes the thorough hypocrisy of all that society's words about "justice" and "equality", it also shows that the struggle for equality of women is a revolutionary task. That is, one which cannot be completed under the present system of private property and the exploitation of the majority of people by a social class which is defined by its ownership of the means of producing wealth.

Male supremacy in the movement mirrors male supremacy in capitalist society. The fact that male supremacy persists in the movement today, raises the issue that although no people's liberation can happen without a socialist revolution in this country, a socialist revolution could take place which maintains the secondary position of women in society. Therefore, the liberation of women must become a conscious part of our struggle for people's liberation.

Women are not oppressed as a class but they are oppressed as women within each class. We emphasize that oppression of women through male supremacy, like racism which oppresses black people, is not merely a quantitative increase in the class exploitation which women experience, but also a qualitatively different kind of oppression which they experience as women in addition to the exploitation of all working people.

The process by which men are used as tools of the ruling class in the oppression of women is more accurately described by the term male supremacy than the term male chauvinism. Male chauvinism depicts only the mental attitude of male superiority whereas the term male supremacy conveys that men occupy dominant positions over women in society and perpetuate that dominance, as well as incorporating the first idea.

MATERIAL BASIS

Before discussing the material basis of the oppression of women, we must emphasize here that not only is the oppression of women most severe in the working class, but that black working class women are the most oppressed group in the society. Black women are a uniquely oppressed group because as blacks, as workers, and as women they experience the most compounded form of oppression capitalism-imperialism has devised.

The material basis of woman's oppression can be listed under three main headings:

1) Women are a reserve army of labor to bring down wages; for instance as they have been used in the past to take the place of male workers needed by the military in wartime but at times women are used against collectively organized groups of workers, since their condition forces them to work for lower pay.

2) Women fulfill the function of saving enormous costs for the bourgeoisie in that they perform free services (housekeeping), providing the necessities of life for the working class men at the lowest possible costs.

3) Another objective function of the oppression of women in capitalist society is to help obscure the class nature of that society. The nature of women's material condition places them in a relationship which acts as a lightning rod for man's justified frustration, anger, and shame at their inability to control their natural and social environment. This means for example that the potentially revolutionary violence of exploited and oppressed people against the original forces of their exploitation and oppression are transformed and diverted into oppressive violence towards those who have even less power than they do (e.g., women).

Again the analogy with racism is relevant: white workers carry out the most oppression of

black workers in the shops. While racism may serve to perpetuate the relative privilege of white workers, this is in no way to say that white workers ultimately profit by dominating black workers, or that men ultimately profit by dominating women, but rather to say that women (or black workers) suffer their immediate oppression at the hands of men (or white workers) who maintain a dominant position for themselves, and as supremacists, try to perpetuate that position of dominance.

SUPERSTRUCTURE IN GENERAL: IDEOLOGY IN PARTICULAR

The aspects of the oppression of women in a capitalist society are of a dialectical nature as are those of the oppressed classes in general, and the exploited class in particular.

This means that in the process of this exploitation and oppression, women themselves have come to act by necessity according to the function a class society has given them, hence believe in that function, and, in turn, through the total internalization of the necessity and value of that function, women themselves actively contributed to the perpetuation of their material exploitation. Thus they have helped to maintain that entire ideologizing which has "justified" these conditions.

It is incorrect to see this aspect of maintaining these conditions as "their fault" as it is incorrect to see it as the men's fault when they accept their own lack of control in all institutions they work in and thereby support further the interests of the ruling class. This perversion of consciousness has to be viewed as a direct result of and integral aspect of the totality of people's victimization.

If we realize that the process of ideologizing, by altering and perverting consciousness itself, becomes a material force of its own--which not only helps to maintain class relationships and particular oppressions, but in turn alters and contributes in shaping other forms of exploitation and oppression--then we clearly have to evolve a strategy which takes into full account the consequences and implications of both: the material basis of our lives as well as the internalization of these conditions by ideologizing the totality of our social experiences.

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For clarification, we return to much loved and by now endearingly familiar terminology. Of course the basic-fundamental-primary contradiction is that between the working class and the bourgeosie. At the same time, he sharpest and or most immediate contradictions may be "secondary." But whatever historical legitimacy that phrase may convey, it obscures the fact that a so-called secondary contradiction may in fact be the sharpest contradiction at a given time because people experience them most acutely in their lives. We emphasize that the sharpest contradiction can form the basis for the most immediate struggle against oppression which in turn leads to greater, more effective participation in the total struggle. Hence we do not believe that the struggle for women's liberation is a detraction from the worker-capitalist struggle. Rather the fight for women's liberation is a concretization of the struggle for the liberation of all people from oppression. It doesn't stand apart from the fight against capitalism in our society, but rather is an integral part of that fight.

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[The implementation section of the resolution called for SDS to support a campaign for bringing the wages of women employees of the university up to the level of men; for equality in educational institutions; and for carrying the women's struggle in other institutions, such as juvenile court, girls' homes, detention centers and prisons, family court, welfare, etc; and for opposing the male supremacist definition of "women's role" in careers and education.]

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WOMEN'S LIBERATION POOP

NEW YORK (LNS) -- Women's Liberation groups are coming up with some publications of their own. The current issue of Notes from the First Year, published by New York Radical Women, has articles on the history of the women's rights movement, "When Women Rap About Sex," "Women in the Radical Movement," "A Funeral Oration for

the Burial of Traditional Womanhood," "The Myth of Vaginal Orgasm," --50¢ for women, $1 for men, from New York Radical Women, 799 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10003 Another publication, "Voice of the Women's Liberation Movement," contains material on Cuba, movies, and satire, subs are $3 a year to all humans from Hilda Ignatin, 1545 Claremont, Chicago, Ill. 60622

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THAI GUERRILLA WAR CONTINUES

PEKING (LNS) -- Recent dispatches to LNS from the Peking office of the Patriotic Front of Thailand point to new victories of guerrilla forces in Thailand against the U.S.-supported regime of Prime Minister Thanom

The dispatches specified that in 1968 the guerrillas were in 580 battles, killing and wounding about 1,000 enemies and capturing a large amoung of military material.

The Voice of the Thai People radio in Bangkok said: "Under the leadership of the Communist Party of Thailand, the people's armed forces and people in various regions applying the strategy and tactics of people's war elucidated by Chairman Mao Tse-tung flexibly and heroically carry out their fighting and have repeatedly won victories."

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AMERICAN RESISTER IN CANADA
FACES TRIAL AND POSSIBLE DEPORTATION

TORONTO (LNS) -- An American draft resister, currently active in left wing politics in Canada, has been charged with violation of the Canadian Immigration Act for not divulging an arrest record upon his entry into Canada in 1967. The resister, Robert Sherwood, must stand trial in Toronto If convicted, he expects to be deported to the U.S.

Sherwood, whose arrest stems from civil rights demonstrations in Chicago, claims that the Canadians have moved against him because of his "actions at present as a fighter against the oppressive rule of capitalism, and in opposition to the attacks of the government on the working class." He is active in the Canadian Worker's League, a Trotskyist group.

The Committee to Defend Robert Sherwood issued a statement in New York, saying that "if the Canadian government is successful in convicting and deporting him it will create a dangerous precedent not only for the draft-age Americans living in Canada but for all politically-minded immigrants Refugees from fascist and police-state regimes might face deportation on the same basis."

Sherwood went to Canada in late June, 1967, after his Indianapolis draft board declared him delinquent because of his political activities.

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CIVIL RIGHTS SUIT FILED

WASHINGTON, D.C. (LNS) -- The Justice Department has filed suits against the Continental Can Company and the United Mine Workers charging the company and the union with discrimination against blacks at the firms' plant in Hopewell, Va. The suit charged that blacks are assigned to menial, low-paying jobs at the 773-worker plant. The higher-paying job categories are open to whites only.

A similar suit was filed in Birmingham, Alabama, against the Alabama By-Products Corporation and the United Mine Workers. The Justice Department charges that the union and the company, which makes coke, work together to set more rigid job qualifications and promotion standards for blacks.

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DRAFT RESISTERS HANDED INDICTMENTS

NEW YORK (LNS) -- For the first time in several months, members of the New York Resistance have been indicted on Selective Service Violations.

The most significant, according to The Resistance, is Vincent McGee, a student at Union Theological Seminary, who has been indicted on two new counts of mutilating his draft card. McGee is already convicted of four other draft law violations--refusing induction, refusing to take a physical, not carrying his draft card and not answering a questionnaire. McGee faces

[illegible] So you [illegible]

[illegible] Leonard Bo[illegible] received [illegible] letters re[illegible] having [illegible] on [illegible] they face up [illegible] Both [illegible] in their draft [illegible] and were [illegible] declared de[illegible] [illegible] requested induction at [illegible] and August 8 respectively.

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NEVADA FIGHT FOR RIGHTS

[illegible], Nev. (UNS) - Oscar Johnny, sub-chief of the Western Shoshone Nation of Indians, has [illegible] a "Congressional [illegible] of the [illegible] of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and their so-called tribal councils and [illegible] tribunal councils."

The Nevada Shoshone leader has accused the government agencies [illegible] "dictatorship" and of exercising "unlimited power over the lives and lands of the Indian people." Oscar Johnny and other militant Indian leaders are seeking to organize their people for a [illegible] action against "[illegible] 100 years of wrongs and mismanagements by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Bureau puppet government."

In a letter to Liberation News Service, Oscar Johnny notes that many states are beginning to pass anti-Indian legislation, and he urges the Indian community to remain vigilant. He also reiterated his support for John Rolling Thunder Pope, who had proposed a [illegible] and demonstration at Carson City, the Nevada capital. The action was postponed when anti-Indian legislation was withdrawn.

Oscar Johnny argues that the federal government organized unrepresentative tribal councils and does not allow many people to vote. The following is a list of grievances compiled by Oscar Johnny, as a representative of the Indian reservation at Owyhee, Nevada. For further information, write to Oscar Johnny, [illegible] River St., Elko, Nevada 89801:

PARTIAL LIST OF GRIEVANCES

1. VOTING: I personally know of a number of people who have resided on the Owyhee Reservation from 10 to 30 years but cannot vote.

2. JOBS: Jobs on the Reservation to which the Indians are supposed to have first choice are given to white people although there are Indians qualified for the work. The only Indians who are hired are the relatives and friends of councilmen.

3. WATER RIGHTS---WILD HORSE DAM: The Owyhee Indian wants first priority to all water from the Wild Horse Dam.

4. SURVEY RESERVATION: A survey to determine the original boundary lines of the Owyhee Reservation as of 1879.

5. TRIBAL COUNCIL: In view of the fact that the tribal council does not work with or for the people, we recommend that the present council be abolished and that tribal affairs be returned to the Indian people. To have their own chief and council.

6. LAND: We wish to maintain the tax-free status of our land. Not to be mortgaged or sold.

7. CHAIRMAN COUNCIL: The Owyhee people are in the dark about what the Council does or how much money is used and for what. We recomend that the Chairman of the Council should always make a report to the people after going out on business as to what was done and how much money was used.

8. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT: We do not want any more Bureau of Land Management or Reservation Lands. We do not want any reservation lands leased to non-Indians.

9. HUNTING AND FISHING---We do not wish any non-Indians to be allowed to hunt and fish on the reservation.

10. BUSINESS LEASE AND RENT MONEY: A report should be made on how much lease money or rent has and is being paid by stores and businesses on the reservation.

11. RANGE FEE: At the present time we pay for reservation range at double the rate of what white people pay for similar range on the public domain. Range rights should be free to [illegible]

Indians.

12. HOSPITAL -DOCTORS: We would like to have a good hospital and good qualified doctors instead of interns and resident trainees who practice on the Indians.

13 ROADS: Roads are not maintained

14 BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS: Bureau of Indian Affairs office to be abolished at Owyhee

15. HOUSING: Tribal housing should be reserved for Indians, instead of white people.

16 IRRIGATION WATER: Irrigation ditches are not maintained and Indians pay for water they do not receive

17 CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: We wish the Wheeler Howard Act and the Constitution and By-Laws thrown out, all puppet government abolished.

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THE PARANOIA IS REAL FOR JERRY RUBIN

by Stew Albert & Gumbo

LIBERATION News Service-RAT

WASHINGTON, D C (LNS)--The Justice Department has admitted that during the past year they have been electronically bugging Jerry Rubin's life In official government document #2660, filed in the U S Court of Appeals 4th Circuit, and signed by C Vernon Spratley, Jr. U.S Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, they stated that: "the government is tendering a sealed exhibit containing transcripts of conversations in which appellant Rubin was a participant or at which he was present which were overheard by means of electronic surveillance "

Rubin calls it a "weird feeling to think that the federal pigs have been listening to my phone calls and dinner conversations for the last year." He pictures them "drunk and fat, a can of beer in their hands, trying to figure out what half the words I use mean I hope it drives them crazy," he said

Jerry used to be the easiest going guy when it came to wire-tapping He always thought a lot of people were uptight about Big Brother having his ear to the wall. He has now learned, as we all must, that a bit of paranoia is pure reality.

"The combination of under cover cop and electronic surveillance indicates that there is a government conspiracy to get Jerry Rubin in the penitentiary so that he will stop making trouble on the streets," said Bill Kunstler, lawyer for Rap Brown and Jerry.

It seemed like paranoia in Chicago to think that a friendly motorcycle tough who wanted nothing more in life than to be Jerry Rubin's bodyguard would turn out to be a prime undercover pig for the Chicago Police Force. He spent a week infiltrating a Chicago gang, and gained the confidence of the self-defense people in Lincoln Park who then appointed him Jerry's bodyguard.

The guy never really heard that much, but he has gone on a real fantasy bullshit trip.

At a recent HUAC hearing Bob Pierson served up a dream world in which the Yippies had become an organized Leninist conspiracy out to overthrow the Chicago government, all governments, and assasinate every major politican in America

Jerry is under indictment for "solicitation to commit mob action" in Chicago. It is a felony and if he is convicted, Jerry faces an almost sure five years in the penitentiary. Meanwhile, he is under $25,000 bail and cannot leave the state of Illinois except for court appearances and speaking engagements.

There are no independent judges in Chicago. Mayor Daley runs an Irish Mafia, and the judges are all card carrying members. Jerry's judge was a former leading Chicago police administrator. If you change your judge in Chicago, you can only hope to get a worse one.

Judges are pigs in robes They use their gavel as a club, and they are trying to put away the radical leaders of America. Rap Brown, Huey Newton, and Eldridge Cleaver are either in jail, appealing, or on the run. Timothy Leary faces 30 years, the Oakland Seven faces up to five years, and so does Ben

[illegible] The Grand Jury in Chicago has stated that [illegible] going to bring federal indictments against [illegible] leaders of the Chicago demonstration.

[illegible] there are no federal indictments, Daley [illegible] weight of his anger out on [illegible] R[illegible] Chicago is out for revenge, and Jer- [illegible] and reputation make him a set up. [illegible] to riot in Chicago. The [illegible] organizers of mob action were the police.

A Jerry Rubin Defense Fund is now being established [illegible] it is not enough to oppose judicial [illegible]. We have to actively support the vic- [illegible]

Make checks out to: Rubin Defense Fund, and send to Apt [illegible], 5 St. Marks Pl., NYC 10003

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AFTER THE BATTLE OF CHICAGO

CHICAGO (LNS) -- The smoke is cleared from the battle of Chicago, but the legal war lingers on. Of the 6[illegible]0 persons arrested, more than 70% have been convicted.

In the vast majority of cases, defendants pleaded guilty to a charge of obstructing traffic and paid a $50 fine. This proved appealing for those who live out of state, given the cost of travel in time and money.

Now, the city is zeroing in on 35 "hard-core" cases, which will begin being heard later this month. In addition, a Federal Grand Jury is currently considering issuing indictments for the arrest of key activists on charges of violating the inter-state riot act. Among those who are likely targets for the use of this act, with its questionable constitutionality, are Jerry Rubin, Tom Hayden, Dave Dellinger, Abbie Hoffman, and Rennie Davis.

Several persons close to the proceedings said that Mayor Daley and "law and order" forces in the Justice Department want a forum to answer the charges in the Walker Report. The FBI has for the past four months been [illegible] collecting evidence in a number of cities to build up cases against known activists.

Money for legal defense is badly needed. Checks can be sent to the Chicago Legal Defense Committee, 127 No. Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.

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TOWARD THE NEW AGE

Through the synapses of the brain,
sparked by Cannabis inflamed,
passed the trauma of birth unchained:
long ago imprinted and forgot
on the gentle circuits of a tot.

-Norman Jenks (LNS)

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CANADIANS DEBATE MARIJUANA STATUS

OTTAWA (LNS) -- The Canadian Health Minister and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police have gotten into a squabble over the legal status of pot.

Health Minister John Munro wants to have marijuana classified as a "restricted drug," with possession a relatively minor offense. The Mounties want to continue to define marijuana as a narcotic, keeping the present penalties (up to seven years for possession and up to life for peddling).

Even under present laws, however, most violations for possession resulted in suspended sentences of six months at most, according to an Associated Press dispatch.

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CANINE SNIFFS CANNABIS:
POST OFFICE SAYS NO

COCOA, Fla. (LNS) -- Duke is a trained dog owned by Brevard County. His specialty is sniffing out marijuana. But when the local postmaster used Duke to check out some suspicious Christmas packages, the Post Office Department stepped in. "That dog violated the sanctity of the seal," declared Postal Inspector J.A. Callahan, who said that sniffing first class mail is strictly taboo.

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(Give us your poor, your busted, your beat

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FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE TRACKS

By Julius Lester

1968 was the year in which the momentum of the past eight years reached a climax. From the first day of that year, everyone could feel that this year was the year for a series of confrontations which would expose the enemy more and more. Columbia, Chicago, the Black Panthers and much more happened--and the enemy was exposed to those who were predisposed to look and some who were not.

1969 has come. The enemy is exposed and no one seems to know quite what to do about it. Many of us are suffering from a mild "depression," which is perhaps nothing more than a momentary weariness of the spirit. But, perhaps it isn't. For along with that depression has come a feeling of frustration which is more and more causing us to fight among ourselves, to squabble, to disintegrate into factions.

A lot happened last year and yet, the empire still stands with bombs bursting in air and the flag still there. Not only was Rome not built in a day, but it didn't decline in a day. It is one thing to expose the enemy in the streets of Chicago. It is another to destroy him. It is the former that much of our activity and thought has been concerned with. It is the latter we must be concerned with now.

"The movement" has reached a critical stage. It must move from an action-oriented movement which was, in the main, concerned with single issues, (the war and/or the universities), to a broad-based, multi-leveled movement which will change the political and economic structure of the country. Whether or not this particular "movement," with its myriad groups, attitudes and viewpoints, can do so is uncertain. It may be that we have done all that it was possible to do at this point in history, given who we were and where we came from. If that, however, is to be the fate of the organizations now existing, it must not be the fate of a significant minority of individuals who have been involved during the past eight years. However, even those individuals who have a total commitment will be caught in the backwash of disillusionment now upon us if there isn't a serious understanding of the job before us.

Many became involved in "the movement" because of their outrage over the war in Vietnam. Once involved, they slowly became aware of the many ways in which they were oppressed. Their involvement in "the movement" brought about changes within themselves and presented them with the possibility of an alternative life style. There is no doubt that the overwhelming majority of people who have been involved in "the movement" are better people for it and unfortunately, it is going to end there for so many. Having gotten from "the movement" what they needed, they will now leave "the movement," live better lives for having been involved and become a part of that vast body which will form the liberals of tomorrow.

At the same time, however, there are those whose involvement is total. They have reached that point where the pain of others has become their own and they have no choice but to continue unto death or victory. It is upon them that the responsibility falls to create what does not now exist--a revolutionary movement. For them, many dangers exist. As the numbers in "the movement" dwindle, they will become more exposed, on one hand, and more isolated, on the other. They may find themselves increasingly frustrated and discouraged as this situation develops. The experience may make them bitter, and embittered people do not make good revolutionaries.

The question is being asked: what do we do in 1969? Unless one asks the right questions, one cannot get the right answers and the question is what do we do, what do we want to achieve, what can we achieve, between now and 19[illegible]? After that question is answered, one tries to answer the question of what we do in 1969. For that minority of people who are committed, perhaps the overriding necessity for the next four years is to build on the base of "the movement." This means developing a cadre of organizers and then moving in groups of two or

three into various medium-sized cities (100,000-250,000) long enough to know the problems and learn what the possibilities are for long-range organizing (which does not necessarily mean organizing people for demonstrations). Cities of this size can be organized. The metropolitan areas can only be harassed. They will fall from sheer weight when the time comes.

Another necessity which should be on the list for the next four years is working and living in working-class communities. Labor will undoubtedly be in an accelerating crisis in the next four years, particularly if the Nixon administration carries through on its statement to increase unemployment to hold down inflation. It is a mistake to think that the working classes don't know where it's at. They do. They just don't know how to deal with it, except by consuming. And it is quite clear that the tactics we have used up to now haven't convinced them that we know how to deal with it, either. As long as we deal only with the particulars of our own type of oppression, they will find us irrelevant. We can only be relevant to them when we know their oppression.

Perhaps some of the motion for breaking down the class barriers of "the movement" will come from the women's liberation movement, one of the most significant developments of the past year. Women comprise the largest oppressed minority in the country. Any relevant political action coming from women can have much the same devastating effect on the country that the black movement has had. As prices continue to rise, it is not pipe-dreaming to think of women sending bricks through supermarket windows.

During the past eight years, we have so often depended upon the enemy to keep our "movement" going. Now it is up to us. And that means developing a movement which has leaders, not personalities; theory, not rhetoric; strategy beyond demonstrations. We must realize that no one blow will topple the empire. It will take hundreds of thousands of little ones. That can only happen when we consciously make each of our acts relate to furthering the revolution. This means everything from the way you say good morning to how you plan to rob a bank to finance your organization. In the revolutionary, the personal life and the political life merge and become one.

Above all, we must not feel that we are not successful if we do not repeat 1968. 1968 had its own demands. 1969 has different ones. Let us take what we can use from 1968 and leave the rest. This is 1969 and the empire still stands. That means there is work to be done.

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INAUGURATION, 1969

If we get down on hands and knees
and make the sign of victory
stare at billy clubs quite close
or put our foreheads down
upon the man's black boot
will it be enough no.

If we shout our joy if we rejoice
in meadow games
weaving daisies in our pubic hair
or arch our backs in love
to exorcise the serpent from our spines
as Hindus urge
will it be enough no.

If we grow wild, imitate and then become
barbaric princes
threading beads,
adorned in scarves and bells
and shawls of rich embroidery,
and if we pound our feet on drums
smashing cymbals till the sound
goes round the world
will it be enough no.

In the land of plenty
will it be enough no
in the land of bloat
will it be enough no
in the land of our fathers
will it be enough
will it be enough
will it be
enough
no.

What's behind the picture window
O America?
What's the future say, Mr.
President?

What a shatter, what a clatter
It will be
When we break that one-way-mirror
Glass, and toss the bloody,
Jagged pieces on the grass
In the land of our fathers.

-Nina Sabaroff (LNS)

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LENNON'S BOD BUGS CHICAGO FUZ.

LIBERATION News Service

CHICAGO (LNS) -- The local police recently busted a Chicago head shop for displaying the record jacket of "Two Virgins" by John Lennon and Yoko Ono. The bust was precipitated by a Little Old Lady who signed a complaint after she saw the picture in the window of Head Imports, Ltd., on the North Side.

The owner, Goerge Sells, was busted by a Sgt. Zarno and taken to the station. There, the following conversation ensued, as reported by Mike Royko of the Chicago Daily News:

SELLS: This is absurd. The album is going to be released here in January. What are they going to do about it then? What is obscene and what isn't?

SGT. ZARNO: I don't know what is obscene anymore, and I'm not anti-sex. But you should not have something like this out where everybody can see it.

SELLS: Well, they'll be more where that came from. I'm having some printed up as posters. A printer turned me down. He said he didn't think it was the moral thing for a printer to do. But that's no problem. I know where I can get it printed.

SGT. ZARNO: Who in the hell would want a picture like that, with this Lennon standing there showing his private organs?

VICE DETECTIVE: Ha, ha. A hell of a picture, huh?

ARTHUR MOORADIAN, City Attorney: The picture falls under the obscene material statute. If the picture is somewhere else in the shop, they should make an arrest there too. The public has access to it.

SGT. ZARNO: Should I go back and confiscate other pictures they have there?

MOORADIAN: We can't confiscate the whole shop. If there are pictures of a naked man and woman, and there is body contact, that's obscene. You can make an arrest then.

SGT. ZARNO: They had this big statue of a six-foot guy and his private organs are showing.

MOORADIAN: Did he have his arm draped around a woman?

SGT. ZARNO: No.

MOORADIAN: That's artwork, I guess.

SELLS: This is absurd.

MOORADIAN: I wish the regular obscenity guy from our office had handled this. I don't know the obscenity law that well.

SGT. ZARNO: What the hippies want is to get by with something like this and next they will be undressing and walking around naked on Wells Street.

MOORADIAN: It boils down to prurient interest. That's where the Supreme Court left it: whether it arouses prurient interest. But different people react to different things.

VICE DETECTIVE: Sure. A knee cap will turn some guys on.

SELLS: This is really absurd. I didn't think we'd get busted for putting that picture in the window. It was part of a display--some Beatle records, Rolling Stones, and other records. It is absurd.

SGT. ZARNO: That Japanese girl--she's nothing to look at. Lennon must be soft in the head.

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SERVANT SHORTAGE IN SO. AFRICA

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (LNS) -- Official attempts to geographically separate blacks from whites under the apartheid policy are running into trouble because white residents refuse to do without African servants.

"It seems that the average South African needs two servants to make his morning cup of coffee," said Michael Botha, government minister in charge of setting up separate African homelands (Bantustans).

The formal partitioning of Africa, an integral part of apartheid, is proving unworkable, according to a Reuters analysis.

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TAX MAN ZAPS TAX MAN

WASHINGTON, D.C. (LNS) -- A Federal Grand Jury has charged that Theodore A. Jones, the director of the Illinois Dept. of Revenue, failed to report all of his income on Federal tax returns. The four-count indictment charges that Jones failed to declare $16,787 on Federal returns for the years 1962 to 1965. -30-

THE PLAGUE STRIKES CALIFORNIA

by Dan McCaustin

LIBERATION News Service

SAN FRANCISCO (LNS) -- The strike at San Francisco State College, nurtured painfully into its third month by black and third world students and radical whites, is suddenly about to tear through the California educational system with the crippling ferocity of the Hong Kong flu.

The carrier of this plague on the schoolhouses of California is, oddly enough, the AFL-CIO. Their 400-member American Federation of Teachers chapter at San Francisco State has given the striking students their latest alliance in the struggle to maintain and expand the strike. Now the AFT teachers at San Jose State (60 miles south of here) have gone out on their own picket line, and other state colleges appear [illegible] to follow.

Meanwhile, Ronald Reagan employs all his mellifluous persuasiveness to ask the State Legislature for yet more laws against "criminal anarchists and latter-day fascists." And General Semanticist S.I. Hayakawa treats newsmen in his daily press conferences to such vital information as the pregnant story of how the New England frigate (the putative ship of San Francisco State) rounded the Cape in the gale and how the brave captain sailed on and on.

Outside on the sidewalk, a half-mile-long picket-line of up to 2000 students and teachers marched back and forth in [illegible] of the College's main entrance under the gaze of squads of San Francisco police. Smaller picket-lines halted deliveries at other gates. Most of the picket signs were neatly printed AFT placards demanding union recognition and campus autonomy, but [illegible] appeared: "STRIKE another match, go start anew, 'cause it's all over now, Baby Blue."

Picketing Monday, Jan [illegible], [illegible] the only tense scenes were early in the day when police served outstanding warrants on [illegible] on the line.

Tuesday, a small group of [illegible] line and began chanting: "[illegible] On strike, Rip it Up [illegible] Up," outside Hayakawa's office around [illegible] nearly 800 pickets had joined [illegible] the administration loudspeaker pronounced these demonstrations disruptive and illegal. AFT pickets were then pulled out of the line by their captains. And hassles broke out as student strikers refused to give up their AFT signs.

Solidarity returned shortly, though, with the arrival in force of the cops. The pickets were filing slowly back to their line at the edge of campus when a cordon of police took up position across the only way out. Three hundred strikers, including most of the leaders, were surrounded for about five minutes. It looked like a mass arrest was in the offing when the blue line opened up, and the group resumed their picketing at the gate.

Wednesday, the police initiated another confrontation by driving a wedge through the picket line to "provide access onto the campus." Strikers were shoved out into six-lane 19th St. and mounted police rode into the fray. A San Francisco Chronicle reporter was badly beaten and arrested after he followed a plain-clothesman out of the line.

The college administration, for its part, matched the police escalation in court, by obtaining a temporary restraining order directing the AFT to cease their picketing. General Hayakawa added insult to injury in his Wednesday afternoon press conference by asking non-striking students to fink to the administration on any of their teachers who weren't teaching their classes.

So, once again, the strike has an opportunity to drag an ally (the teachers) to the left. Again, the students seem to have taken a force which might have coopted and exploited them and turned it into a buffer on their rear flank. The administration's refusal to deal with the teacher's demands has tightened the teacher-student unity and now seems well on its way towards generating a state-wide crisis in the California State College System. And the injunction against the AFT may now be pushing the Union outside [illegible] into the area where radical potential [illegible] almost always bloom.

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MARTIN SOSTRE CASE

BUFFALO, N.Y. (LNS) -- Martin Sostre, the black liberation fighter from Buffalo, sent to jail on trumped-up narcotics charges, is appealing his thirty-year conviction. Except for occasional newspaper articles, the case has received little publicity outside the Buffalo area. Sostre said during his trial last year that "this is an example of fascist America and a kangaroo court."

Sostre was led into the courtoom chained around the waist and arms, but as he left he raised his handcuffed fists in defiance.

The Martin Sostre Defense Committee has been formed. It is selling a pamphlet of Sostre's correspondence from Erie County Jail, Buffalo, N.Y., and Green Haven Prison, Stormville, N.Y. The "Letters from Prison" booklet costs $1 from the Defense Committee, Box 382, Ellicott Stat., Buffalo, NY 14205.

A sample of Sostre's determination:

"Although to some the struggle of a black high school drop-out acting as his own attorney against the massive coercive power of this State may seem like a futile struggle, there is no doubt in my mind of the ultimate defeat of my oppressors. I am like the brave and resolute people in Vietnam who are also struggling against the common oppressor. As a matter of fact, I consider myself a black Viet Cong. Black Power."

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THE UNKINDEST CUT OF ALL

VATICAN CITY (LNS) -- The Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano said recently that the circumcision of Christ was the last time circumcision had any religious significance. In an article marking the Feast of the Circumcision, the paper said Christ was circumcised to officially incorporate himself into the chosen people.

"The last step of this symbolic staircase, uniting the earth to heaven, was thus completed and mankind arrived at his new state," the newspaper said.

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NAUGHTY NARES

LIBERATION News Service

WASHINGTON, D.C. (LNS) -- An intensive investigation by the recently formed Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs has produced indications of significant corruption during the past decade among former employees of the New York office of the Bureau of Narcotics, Attorney General Ramsey Clark said recently.

The corruption included illegally selling and buying drugs, retaining contraband for personal use or sale, keeping money allocated for informants and failing to enforce laws.

Thirty-two agents have resigned in the wake of an investigation began in August 1967 and five of them have been indicted on charges involving the sale of narcotics. Two others had been arrested on counterfeiting charges earlier in 1967 and one convicted of bribery charges in 1966.

Mr. Clark said additional resignations and prosecutions will result.

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NATIONAL STUDENT ASSOC. TO FIGHT POT LAWS

WASHINGTON, D.C. (LNS) -- Citing statistics which reveal that 16,000 students have been busted on drug charges this fall, leaders of the National Student Association have announced counter-attack plans. Court challenges will be mounted on the constitutionality of federal and state laws. College affiliates will be urged to organize their own campaigns. NSA will disseminate information on arrests and legal rights.

The American Civil Liberties Union has also announced plans to oppose all criminal penalties on the use and possession of marijuana.

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PRESIDENT OF ALL THE PEOPLE?

WASHINGTON, D.C. (LNS) -- The inauguration of the rich man's president will be highlighted by money. Tickets for the "All-American Gala" at the National Guard Armory on Saturday evening, Jan. 18, cost from $10 to $100, the inaugural Concert from [illegible] to $35. All are invited.

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BOTTOM: Homeless by Nguyen Van Dich

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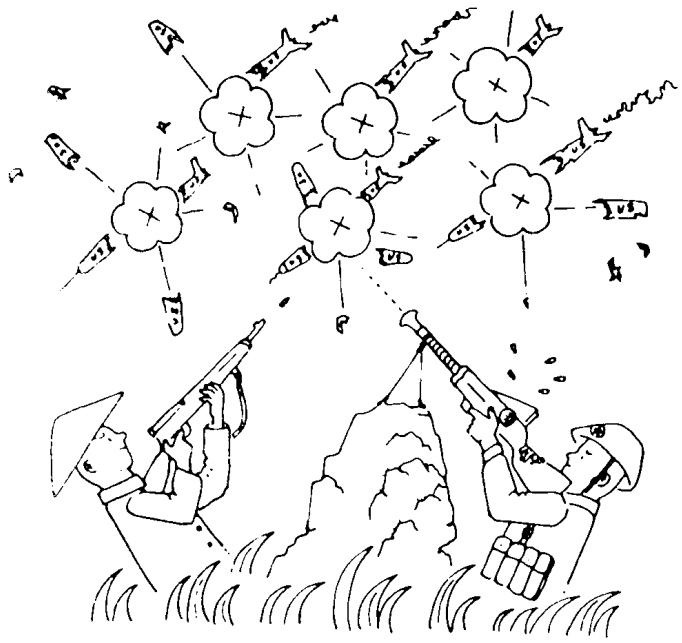

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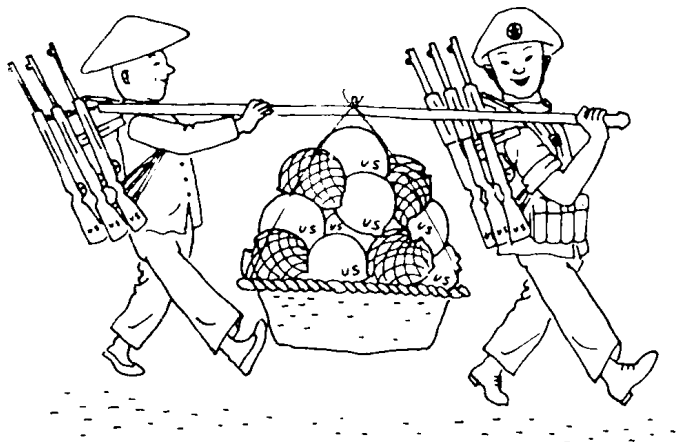

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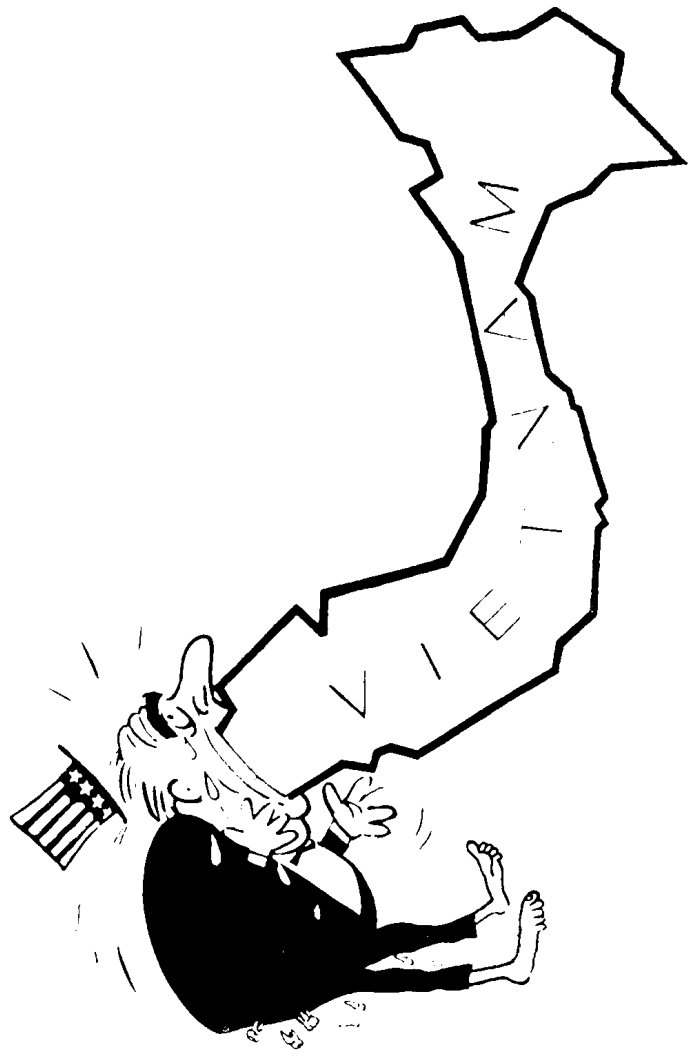

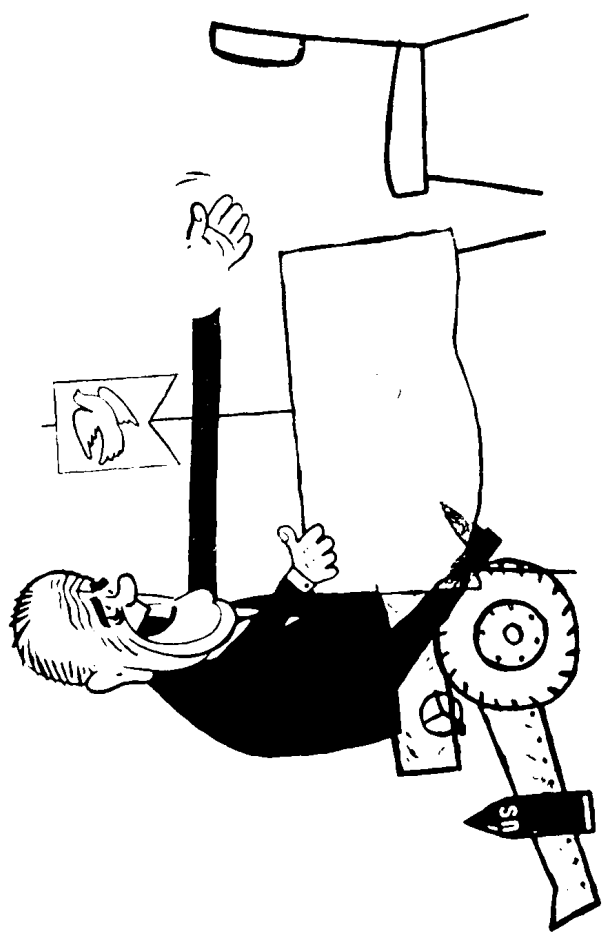

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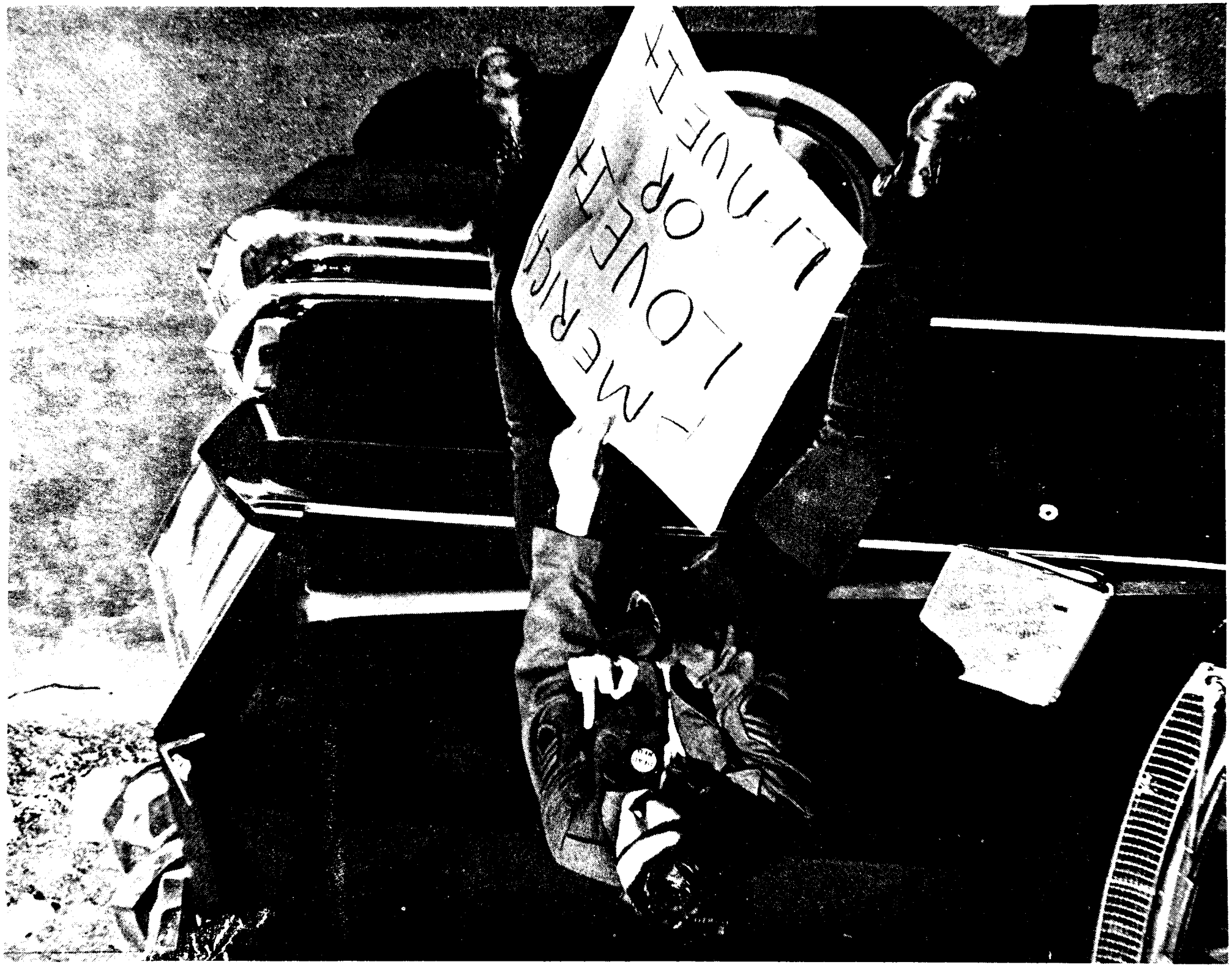
LOVE
OR
LI-NUE

A counter-demonstrator. His button says "Better dead than red." Photo by Fred Mason.

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AND HER TEACHER, AGE? FROM CORK

FREEDOM I DESIRE:

FREEDOM FROM WHAT?

FREE FOR WHAT?

This is not needed here

"Liberty" was one of the three aims of the French revolutionaries. This starving people wanted freedom from the oppression of an aristocracy which denied them equal rights. Man will either revolt violently, or lie down and die under restriction of Freedom. In captivity man will consistantly try to gain freedom, no matter how hopeless it seems.

The revolutionary leaders were far from starving.

What is the relevance of this to the rest?

The French revolted, the Americans almost simultaneously and then the Irish. Now the negro in America. People without freedom are an explosive combination.

What is this about?

I desire freedom as an Irish citizen: Freedom from capitalism and retained colonialism. We perhaps consider ourselves free as Irish citizens but free from what? From British colonialism? It is now, we expect, gone forever. We are free but this colonialism remains under the surface. We still tend to be in awe at the English accent belonging to an Irish voice. The major in the local mansion is a very influential person to know. We retain our feelings of inferiority as a nation. The culture of other countries, music, art, clothes are all "in". We still think of ourselves as a peasant nation, an attitude which was instilled into our ancestors' minds by the English colonialists. Only now is there a real general awakening of the beauty of Irish culture and tradition. A dedicated handful have kept it barely alive up until recently.

Sense? Do you mean private property?

Sense

How - what?

these are blank assertions What evidence???

Our own Government is riddled with capitalism. What has happened to the ideals of the freedom fighters of 1916? Our ministers travel in black limousines while old men barely stagger, in worn shoes to the nearest hostel. Instead of starting at the beginning and getting equal rights and opportunities for her people, the Government gave subsidies to foreign companies. Perhaps these gave employment to a few, but education is the basis of every country. If only the rich can be educated at university, then high offices and top Government posts will be held only by the upper classes, and we are then under a capitalist state. It is the implications of this capitalist state which restrict a poor man from sending his son to the school of his choice or further to university, although we are supposedly living under a democratic system. I can not accept these obvious contradictions and these are what I desire to be free from.

What do you mean?

To whom? to what? Why?

What is the alternative you have in mind?

Please define these terms Democracy, Capital, Capitalism, and decide how the use of them is at variance. Look up meanings of other terms marked above. Though I think the weakness is in thinking rather than in a lack of understanding of language. How much of this writing is echoed rather than first hand thinking?

Essay on freedom by an Irish student with her teacher's comments. Originally printed in an Irish student movement publication. Please credit LNS

Reies Tijerina, leader of the New Mexican liberation struggle, has brought his protest to the State Department since the land claims of his people are based on old Spanish land grants. In the top photo, Tijerina is shown last spring at the State Department. On the right is Paul Krough, an assistant to Secretary of State Dean Rusk. Tijerina and his followers failed to get through to Rusk. Bottom photo shows Tijerina at the Poor People's Campaign.

Tijerina was recently acquitted of serious charges resulting from the struggle in New Mexico.

[Note to editors: These photos can be used with any of the articles on Tijerina in recent LNS packets or held for future use.]

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